Durham Environmental Affairs Board

Meeting Notes July 27, 1999

Chairman, Jim Conner, called the meeting to order at 6:15pm. Members in attendance were Jim Conner, Ed Harrison, Joseph Jackson, Steve Hiltner, and Brian Morton. David Kirkpatrick and Marion Johnson-Thompson were excused. Jerad Bales was absent. Staff in attendance were Sue Burke, Alex Waddell, and Glen Whisler. Visitors were Tim Saunders and Mark Powell, and Milo Pyne.

Items for Discussion: Glen Whisler distributed information regarding a potential C&D Landfill Site in Orange County abutting the Durham County Line. He asked that EAB review and comment on the proposal at their next meeting. Mark Powell, the Durham County Solid Waste Coordinator, distributed the draft of a Solid Waste Ordinance for Durham County and asked that the Chairman speak for five minutes in support of the Ordinance at the August 4, 1999 Board of County Commissioners Work Session. He also asked for EAB review and comment on the draft ordinance at their next meeting.

TIP/2025 Transportation Plan: Tim Saunders, a Transportation Planner for the City of Durham gave a presentation on the Durham TIP portion from the Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Metropolitan Planning Organization. The TIP has to match the NCDOT document and will be amended to reflect status and funding. Tim also discussed the 2025 Transportation Plan. This plan, a product of ISTEA, puts elements together to create a multi-modal plan which must be jointly adopted by the MPO and NCDOT. The Tier 1 Alternatives submitted to the Transportation Advisory Committee were also discussed. The EAB members were concerned about how much emphasis is being placed on the State's Eno Drive and Northern Freeway instead of the adopted Northern Durham Parkway in the Tier 1 Alternatives. A meeting will be held August 24 at the Southwest Durham Library to share the Tier 1 Alternative results.

Traffic Demand Management: Brian suggests that EAB demonstrate leadership by getting involved in the TDM process. Jim Conner asked Brian to layout a plan on EAB's role in helping to develop a TDM Plan for Durham.

Interlocal Cooperation Agreement: There was a discussion on possible changes the Environmental Affairs Board would like to see implemented in the City of Durham and County of Durham Interlocal Cooperation Agreement before it is renewed. The issues which need to be addressed are advertising by the City of Durham for vacant positions and changing the title of the Energy appointment to be Energy/Transportation.

Election of New Officers: The election of new officers was postponed for lack of quorum.

Meeting Notes: Meeting notes from the June 22, 1999 meeting were approved with all ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm

Prepared by Alex Waddell, July 28, 1999